

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

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Closures and Restrictions Update

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Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Summary of Fire Restrictions and Closures

General Forest - (208) 935-2513

Fire Restrictions have been lifted for all lands managed by the Nez Perce/Clearwater National Forests.

Airstrips: All backcountry airstrips are now open.

Due to public safety concerns associated with widespread fire activity and traffic associated with firefighting and rehabilitation efforts, the following closures remain in effect:

North Zone

North Fork Ranger District - (208) 476-4541

Trail Closures

A segment of Snow Creek Trail 285 is closed. Scurvy Mountain Trail 524 has been closed from the junction with Road 581 to the Lookout. Finally, a segment of St. Joe Divide Trail 233, providing access to Five Lakes Butte and the Idaho Panhandle National Forest, is closed.

Campground Closures

Weitas Creek Campground remains closed.

Open Campgrounds

Campgrounds that are open on the North Fork Ranger District include the Aquarius, Cedars, Hidden Creek, Kelly Forks, Noe Creek, and Washington Creek Campgrounds. All campgrounds on the Palouse Ranger District are open.

Central Zone

Moose Creek Ranger District – (208) 926-4258

Trail Closures

Double Ridge Trail 442 remains closed in its entirety. Segments of East Moose Trail 421, Battle Ridge Trail 432, and Gateway Peak Trail 491 also remain closed.

Campground Closures

The O'Hara Campground is closed.

Open Campgrounds

Johnson Bar, CCC, Rackliff, Twenty-mile Bar, Slide Creek, Boyd, Twenty-five Mile Bar, Glover, Gedney, Race Track, Race Creek, Selway Falls, and Slims Camp Campgrounds are open.

Lochsa-Powell Ranger Districts – Lochsa: (208) 926-4274; Powell: (208) 942-3113 Area Closures

An area closure remains in effect south of Highway 12 near Powell. It is roughly bounded by Eagle Creek on the west and Roads 111 and 360 on the east. Trails 44 and 79 form much of the southern border. Elk Summit Road 111 and Savage Pass Road 360 remain open. There is no access to Walton Lakes or Wind Lakes.

An area west of Lolo Pass in the vicinity of Granite Pass remains closed.

Road Closures

Due to fire activity and firefighting associated with the Motorway Complex, **segments** of the following roads are closed: Smith Creek Road 101, Lolo Weitas Road 103, Pierce Lochsa Road 104, Woodrat Mountain Road 418, Yakus Pete King Road 454, Highline Road 455, Middle Butte Road 483, Lolo Trail Road 500, Old Fan Creek Road 5007, East Fan Creek Road 5107, Lunch Creek Road 5108, Upper Yakus Road 514, Red Cloud Ridge 5170, Lunch Creek Road 5108, Upper Yakus Road 514, Red Cloud Ridge Road 5170, Lost Hat Saddle Road 5173, Hemlock Road 535, Musselshell Creek Road 540, Hemlock Ridge Road 547, and Swan Creek Road 5503.

Crooked Fork Contour Road 595 is closed at Granite Pass to the end of the road.

Trail Closures

Segments of Dan Lee Ridge Trail 11, Trapper Gulch Trail 76, Sylvan Ridge Trail 88, Sylvan Creek Trail 232, Lewis and Clark Trail 25 and Nee-Me-Poo Trail 40 are closed.

The following trails remain closed in their entirety: Army Mule 60, Saturday Ridge 89, Saturday Creek 82, Pouliot 30, Wind Lakes 24, Tom Beal Creek 7, Friday Pass 45, and Pedro Ridge 917. Warm Springs Trail 49 remains closed from the junction with Wind Lakes Trail 24 to Saturday Ridge Trail 89. Note: Jerry Johnson Hot Springs is still accessible.

Campground Closures

Glade Creek, Wilderness Gateway loops A and B, Powell and White Sands Campgrounds

Open Campgrounds

Campgrounds that are open on the Lochsa-Powell Ranger District include the Apgar, Colgate, Knife Edge, Wild Goose, Wendover, Whitehouse, Loops C and D of Wilderness Gateway, and Elk Summit Campgrounds. Apgar and Wild Goose Campgrounds will close for the season Thursday, September 17. This is a seasonal closure and not fire related.

South Zone

Salmon River Ranger District - (208) 839-2211

Area Closure

Due to activity associated with the Tepee Springs fire, an area closure remains in place. Its southern border is the Salmon River. It extends north approximately ten miles and is bounded by the Forest boundary on the west and French Creek on the east.

Road Closures

Main Salmon River Road 1614, Grangeville-Salmon Road 221 beyond its junction with Road 643, Road 394, and Nut Basin Road 441 Road are closed. Roads in the Florence area are within the closure boundary. Please see the map for details.

Trail Closures

The 088 Trail (across from Carey Creek) is closed. There are numerous other trails within the closure area. Please see the map for details.

Campground Closures

North Fork Slate Creek, Spring Bar, and Van Creek Campgrounds

Open Campgrounds

The following campgrounds on the Salmon River Ranger District are open: Nelson Creek, Castle Creek, South Fork, Meadow Creek, Fish Creek, Corral Creek, Rocky Bluff and Iron Phone Junction Campgrounds. In the Hells Canyon area the Windy Saddle, Seven Devils, and Pittsburg Landing Campgrounds are open.

Red River Ranger District - (208) 842-2245

NEW - Red River Complex Area Closure Lifted

A closure associated with the Red River Complex south and east of Red River has been lifted and replaced with narrowly-tailored road and trail closures that allow more access to lands within the Forests.

NEW - Red River Complex Road Closures

Roads 9550 and 9553 are closed.

NEW - Red River Complex Trail Closures

Trails 586, 208, and 585 are closed in their entireties, and Trail 503 remains closed from Boston Mountain to the junction of Trail 585.

NEW - Baldy Fire Area Closure

An area closure associated with the Baldy Fire west of Newsome has been lifted and replaced with a road closure.

NEW - Baldy Fire Area Road Closure

Pilot Knob Road 466 remains closed from its junction with Road 284 to its end.

Campground Closures

Mallard Creek, Poet Creek, Granite Springs, Red Mailbox, and portions of Ox Bow, Sing Lee and Newsome Campgrounds

Open Campgrounds

Campgrounds that are open on the Red River Ranger District include: American River, Bridge Creek, Crooked River, Ditch Creek, Dixie Meadow, French Gulch, Halfway House, Mackay Bar, O'Hara Saddle, Orogrande, Orogrande Summit, Rainy Day, Red River, Sam's Creek, Six Mile, Table Meadows, Ten Mile, Sourdough, Trapper Creek, Wildhorse, Leggett Creek and portions of Ox Bow, Sing Lee, and Newsome Campgrounds.

Restrictions and closures are constantly changing. Additional information and new restrictions will be posted at http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notices.

The most recent map of closures can be accessed at http://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater/. Click on the "Fire Information" button and scroll down to the link titled "Forest Map Showing Fires and Closures."

NOTE: This list includes **fire-related closures only**. Additional restrictions and closures have been enacted for a variety of reasons including road maintenance, log hauling, etc. Those are also posted on the Forests' website.